



VOSH PROGRAM DIRECTIVE: 06-013 (e-version)

ISSUED: May 18, 1988

SUBJECT: Standard Interpretation of 1926.5(c); First Aid Training on Construction Sites

A. Purpose.

This directive transmits to field personnel an interpretation received from Federal OSHA concerning the meaning of the words “reasonably accessible in terms of time and distance to the worksite.” contained in 1926.50(c).

B. Scope.

This directive applies VOSH-wide.

C. Action.

The Assistant Commissioner and VOSH enforcement personnel shall assure that employers comply with the requirements of 1926.50(c) and the Federal OSHA interpretation, which was received by VOSH on April 28, 1988.

D. Background.

See attached letter dated April 11, 1988 requesting an official standards interpretation of 1926.50(c).

E. Enforcement Guidelines.

As noted in the attached interpretation, the words “reasonably accessible in terms of time and distance to the worksite,” contained in 1926.50(c), have been interpreted by Federal OSHA to “generally mean 3 to 4 minutes from a medical facility to any portion of the worksite where employees are or may be working.”

In the absence of a medical facility within 3 to 4 minutes response time, 1926.50(c) requires that “a person who has a valid certificate in first aid training ... or equivalent training that can be verified by documentary evidence, shall be available at the worksite to render first aid.”

ATTACHMENTS: Federal OSHA Interpretation of 1926.50(c).

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